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Each month an average of 2,500 Nationalist soldiers desert and take refuge in the mountains. Some are eventually rounded up and sent to military prisons. Since the air force and navy are much smaller than the ground forces, they do not have the same problem in regard to desertions. Inaction and boredom lower the morale of the ground forces.

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